

BIOGRAPHY

Amanda Barrick is an indie-folk rock musician and spoken word artist. Their live performances are emotive, intimate and powerful. As a singer-songwriter they lend their voice to expressing truths in an evocative story-telling style. The rhythm and rhyme of their work has significant depth, smooth edges and gutsy honesty. Current projects include: promoting debut album *Wastelands* & debut poetry book *Forward, Never Straight*.

Amanda is the founder of Lapel Company, a small queer-owned business creating one-of-a-kind up-cycled fashion apparel.

To keep sane, balanced and connected Amanda is often found on the trails in gorgeous Southern Utah or bootstrapping solo travel adventures.

Barrick launched their debut album, *Wastelands*, on July 31st 2020. Written over two decades and in locations across the United States, *Wastelands* is an amalgamation of Barrick's emergence as an artist coming into their own.

Having grown up in the LDS faith as a queer and non-binary person, Amanda weaves themes of religious oppression, redefining spirituality, romantic love--and ultimately self-acceptance--throughout *Wastelands*. Barrick deftly showcases their talent as a spoken word artist in two tracks, "Cool Dad" and "Biochemistry," and covers Bruce Springsteen's "Dancing in the Dark" with hypnotic ease. However, at the core of the album resides Americana folk rock that is reminiscent of artists such as Brandi Carlile, Ani DiFranco, Indigo Girls, and Joan Baez--all the while remaining unmistakably Amanda Barrick.